



**United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
South Carolina Crop Progress
and Condition Report**



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General

According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in South Carolina, there were 5.1 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending Sunday, August 13, 2017. Precipitation estimates for the state ranged from 0.6 inches of rain to 5.8 inches. Average high temperatures ranged from the low 80s to the low 90s. Average low temperatures ranged from the mid 60s to the mid 70s.

County Comments

Heat, humidity, and high dew points made for a miserable week of weather. Rain totals varied greatly across the county. Field conditions were so wet that the only field activity was tobacco harvesting. Preliminary tobacco sales indicate good prices this year, but the overall weight of the crop will be short due to excessive moisture and disease. Farmers are waiting on any opportunity to harvest what will be a record corn crop, but the weather pattern will have to make a drastic change before harvest can begin.

Kyle Daniel, Georgetown County

Greenville County had lower temperatures than normal for this time of year, high humidity, and daily rains. Producers found fall armyworms in their pastures and hay fields, though not at damaging levels yet.

Danny Howard, Greenville County

Most of the corn crop is mature and ready for harvest. Cotton is reaching cut-out stage, and bolls are maturing nicely. Peanuts are nearing maturity also. Soybeans are progressing at a steady rate. Many producers continue to report good yields from their second hay cuttings.

Matthew Wannamaker, Lexington County

Crops are progressing well. Most corn is mature enough for harvest, but harvest has been held back because of rain events and moisture levels. There have been no reports yet of quality having been hurt due to the rain.

Mark Nettles, Orangeburg County

Crop Progress for Week Ending 08/13/17

Crop stage	This week (percent)	Prev week (percent)	Prev year (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Corn - Mature	90	81	84	83
Corn - Harvested	16	1	19	18
Cotton - Squaring	96	92	98	98
Cotton - Setting Bolls.....	76	67	86	83
Cotton - Bolls Opening ...	2	0	1	0
Hay - 2nd Cutting	82	65	83	NA
Peaches - Harvested.....	88	81	95	93
Peanuts - Pegging.....	93	90	98	98
Soybeans - Blooming	82	69	65	68
Soybeans - Setting Pods	38	35	25	24
Tobacco - Harvested.....	48	40	54	63

Crop Condition for Week Ending 08/13/17

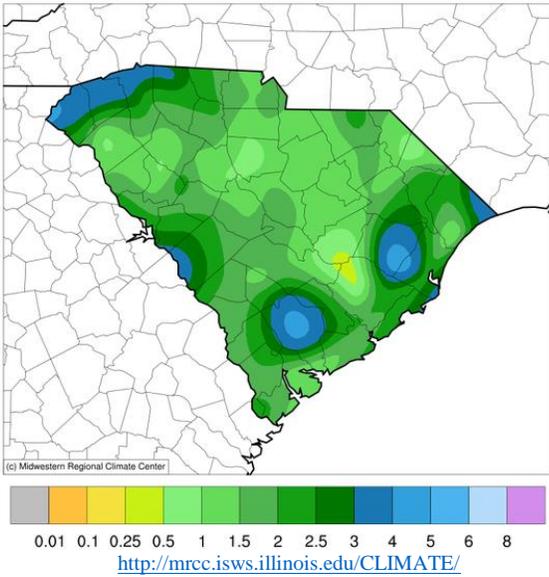
Crop	Very poor (percent)	Poor (percent)	Fair (percent)	Good (percent)	Excellent (percent)
Cattle	0	0	16	75	9
Corn	0	0	11	64	25
Cotton	0	1	8	49	42
Pasture and range.....	0	0	17	75	8
Peanuts.....	0	0	9	40	51
Soybeans.....	0	0	16	51	33
Tobacco.....	0	0	46	53	1

Soil Moisture for Week Ending 08/13/17

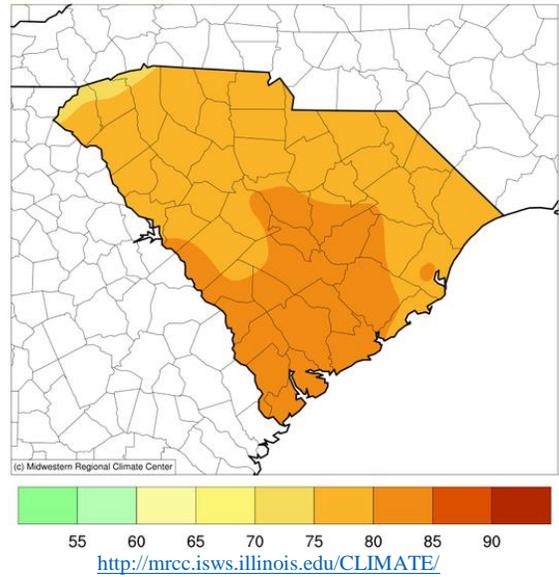
Topsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	5
Short.....	3	14	21
Adequate.....	85	86	61
Surplus.....	12	0	13

Subsoil	This week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	5 Year avg (percent)
Very short.....	0	0	NA
Short.....	2	5	NA
Adequate.....	89	95	NA
Surplus.....	9	0	NA

Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 07, 2017 to August 13, 2017



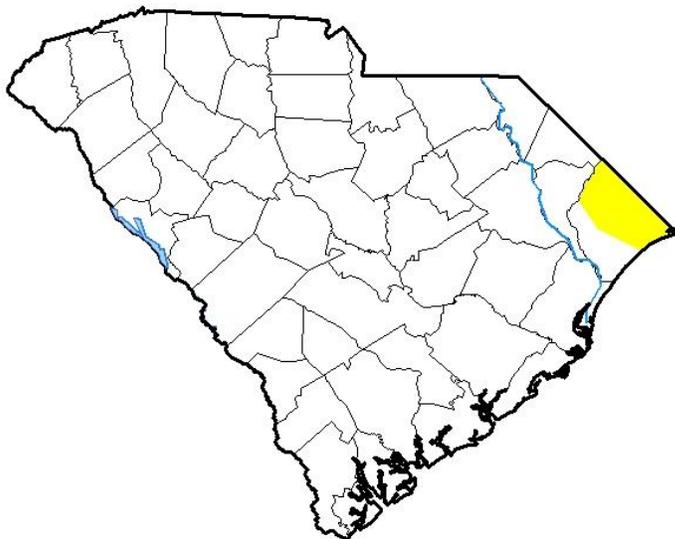
Average Temperature (°F)
August 07, 2017 to August 13, 2017



For the state's complete Weekly Weather Summary
http://www.dnr.sc.gov/climate/sco/ClimateData/cli_reports_2017.php

U.S. Drought Monitor South Carolina

August 8, 2017
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	97.64	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 08-01-2017	97.64	2.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 05-09-2017	39.31	60.69	15.64	0.08	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2017	27.80	72.20	30.28	19.83	4.12	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2016	73.62	26.38	14.28	1.45	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 08-09-2016	62.06	37.94	19.69	7.17	1.55	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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